

TESTIFIES BUCK ERASED MARKS FROM BALLOTS

Jury in Election Fraud Case Studies Alleged Altered Papers With Aid of Magnifying Glass.

H. D. Walker, clerk in the 19th precinct of the Third ward at the general election, November 5, 1918, told a jury in District Judge Redick's court that he saw Charles Buck, election inspector, change ballots in favor of John Hofeldt and against Michael Clark for sheriff at that election.

"I was dumbfounded," he said, "when I looked at Mr. Buck, who had a bunch of ballots and was writing and erasing on them."

The ballots were in evidence in court, in custody of Harley Moorehead, election commissioner. Mr. Walker pointed out that the "X" opposite the name of Hofeldt on all eight ballots were different from the other "Xs" on each ballot. On one ballot where the voter had placed an "X" in the circle to vote the straight republican ticket, an "X" had been placed in the square opposite the name of Hofeldt.

"I heard Mr. Buck boasting for Mr. Hofeldt right there in the voting place," said Mr. Walker. "He said Hofeldt would 'snow Clark under' and that he would beat him two to one."

M. M. Robertson, election judge, said that Mr. Walker rubbed his hand a couple of times trying to call his attention to what Mr. Buck was doing. Later, after he had looked at one of the ballots alleged to have been altered, he said to Mr. Buck:

"Mr. Walker and I have been watching you in that booth and we find changes on these ballots which I consider it my duty to call to the attention of this board."

"I wouldn't do anything like that," Mr. Buck replied, and pointed with pencil without an eraser on it and said, "I couldn't rub out anything with this."

Buck also invited the men to search him for a pencil with which he could have made the alleged erasures.

The jury examined the alleged altered ballots with the aid of a magnifying glass.

Belgian Royalty Are Guests of Pershing at Chaumont Castle

Chaumont, France, March 21.—King Albert and Queen Elizabeth of Belgium arrived here last night for a visit to General Pershing at his chateau. The royal pair made the trip by motor car, the weather being unfavorable for the journey by airplane that they had contemplated. The king and queen were accompanied by Colonel Tikens, aide de camp to the court, a second Belgian officer, and Countess Decarmen-Chemay, lady-in-waiting to the queen. They were met at the great entrance of the chateau by General Pershing and his personal staff, dinner was served and passed the night in the chateau.

Snow fell heavily here in the hills of the upper Marne all last night, but this did not interfere with the reception given the Belgian royals today at the Chaumont city hall. The little city was brightly decorated and the streets were crowded with visitors from nearby towns, including many American troops from neighboring cantonments. Nearly all the French and American officers of the staff were present. The king and queen were escorted and furnished the music. Hundreds of school children lined the city hall square, waving Belgian and French flags.

The Belgian royals, after the reception at the city hall had been concluded, went to the Courbe and the American division. They then returned to the chateau and took tea with General Pershing, his staff, the local, civil and military authorities and the chiefs of the allied missions.

German Envoy to Mexico Homeward Through U. S.

Laredo, Tex., March 21.—United States secret service men carefully guarded Heinrich von Eckhardt, former German foreign minister to Mexico, and his party, when they arrived here from Mexico City today en route for New York, where they will take a steamer for Spain bound for Germany. No one was permitted to approach the party.

With the former German minister was his wife, two daughters, his son and Johannes Brunow, German consul general to Mexico. The party left here on the first train.

Austria Asks for Voice at Peace Conference

London, March 21.—German-Austria, according to advices received here quoting Berlin newspapers, has expressed a desire for independent representation at the peace conference. It desires also, the reports from Vienna, add that the question of its union with Germany be postponed until the conclusion of the conference.

Big Garden Meeting to Be Held in Auditorium Sunday

Mayor Smith extends an invitation to all citizens, particularly children, to attend a garden meeting in the Auditorium at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Chickens in Minister's Yard Solve "Mystery" of Hen-House Depredations

That Is, Neighbors Had That Idea, But the Facts Are Decidedly Different, But Interesting.

When Rev. George Van Winkle, pastor of Olivet Baptist church, was observed in his backyard yesterday, administering breakfast to a polyglot flock of chickens, neighbors immediately concluded that they had solved the mystery of a recent series of hen-house depredations.

The fact that this minister did not have any feathered possessions on Thursday and was well supplied in the morning, added to the interest of the occasion; and the further fact that the flock represented every variety owned in the neighborhood stimulated further suspicion.

NINE DIVORCES GRANTED BY ONE JUDGE IN DAY

One Wife Testifies That Her Husband Was Married to Two Women Within 48 Hours.

Stella Ludtke told District Judge Day that her husband, Max Ludtke, married two women within 48 hours. She said he pleaded guilty to a charge of bigamy and is now in the state penitentiary. They were married in October, 1918. She alleged that he told her he would pour acid in her eyes if she ever told that he had committed bigamy. Judge Day granted her a divorce.

This was one of nine divorces granted by the judge in the last 24 hours.

Axel P. Sander was granted a divorce from Grace Sander. He alleged that they were married in 1917. Later he entered the army and while he was gone, he alleges, his wife went away with another man and is now in Kansas City.

Says Broke Dishes.

Daisy Tillsworth, who has lived in Omaha for seven years, told the judge that her husband, Leonard, put her out of their home, broke up the dishes and was intoxicated much of the time. She said he left her three years ago.

Laura Libbert related that her husband drove the children out of the house and told her never to come back. She said he stole her money. She had been married once before this time.

Sarah Freed alleged that her husband, Charles, was "out with other women for several years." They were married in 1913 in Council Bluffs and separated three months ago.

Pearl A. Woodside was given a divorce and custody of her child. She married Wilbur Woodside in Missouri in 1908. She had been divorced before. She said he had not supported her for four years.

Laura Webster told the judge she and her husband, Arthur, had separated six times since their marriage in Council Bluffs in 1913. The last time was in September, 1918. "He told me he would never see peace until I signed over my property to him," she said.

Mary Mutitian, a "war bride," was given a divorce from Valerie Mutitian. He lives in Cleveland, O.

Judge Troup made an order affecting an unborn child in granting a divorce to Myrtle Schuman from Frank W. Schuman. They were married July 11, 1918. Extreme cruelty and nonsupport are the grounds on which the decree was granted. The decree provides that "if there should be issue of the marriage, the court will determine how much the defendant shall pay to the support of the child."

Big Dance and Style Show at Auditorium Saturday

The style show and dance of the Union Outfitting company at the municipal Auditorium takes place Saturday evening. All customers and friends who have not yet been invited are asked to call at the store for invitations. Thousands of people are expected, and those who do not wish to dance can view the style show and dance from the balcony. Everything is informal. An orchestra of 25 pieces has been engaged. One hundred boxes of Balduff chocolates will be given to the ladies. Prizes will be awarded the best dancers. The latest spring styles will be shown on living models. Great interest is being shown by the ladies in the style show, as only the latest fifth avenue styles will be exhibited.

Prosecutors Ill, Assistant Takes Care of Court Cases

The illness of Corporation Counsel Lambert and Assistant City Attorney Murray, and the absence from the office of Assistant Prosecutor, required the attendance of City Attorney Weaver as city prosecutor in police court Friday morning.

Mr. Weaver appeared against Hans Jensen, Council Bluffs, house mover, charged with six infractions of the Omaha city ordinance. The case was continued to next Monday.



of which was a setting hen with 15 eggs, and another was a rooster. The two were dressed in all sorts of absurd costumes, and the members of the party were arrayed as farmers. Ruben Grossjean was awarded first prize for the best dressed hen; his birdy wearing blue pajamas. Bert Thompson brought the only rooster, which made a stunning effect in tiny overalls.

Likes Fried Chicken.

When the party entered with the chickens Mrs. S. C. Jennings, in behalf of the congregation, explained to the minister that the donors thought it would be better to supply the pastor with chickens than to risk the chances of having their fowls taken in a disorderly manner.

Spring, Old Lady Summer's Advance Agent, Has Arrived

Nature, Dressed in Her Best, Welcomed Spring Yesterday; Archibald Discovers New Thoughts of Love for Myrtle, Mother Dreams of House Cleaning and Dad of Prices for New Spring Hats.

Here is spring! Aha! That you see, is a new way of saying "Spring is here."

And spring, being the period of newness, why not announce its arrival in a new way? Spring came in yesterday in a most charming manner. Nature was dressed in her best. The little birdies were singing and the grass on the lawns already has a tinge of verdure.

This is the time, you know, when a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love. Yes, and some employers say they turn rather heavily to thoughts of love. Archibald seems to dream all through the day, waiting for 5 o'clock to come so he can hurry home, snatch a bite of dinner and get into his Sunday suit and hurry around to Myrtle's house and take her to the movies. And after the movies they'll stroll home and sit in the parlor with the lights

Five-Cent Loaf Into Discard for Several Years, Say Bakers

It is the opinion of Omaha bakers that the 5-cent loaf of bread will not return for several years, not until economic conditions make it possible.

Information from Washington indicates that the Food administration is against a policy of artificial reduction in the price of bread through subsidizing flour. Government officials estimate that the proposed flour subsidy would cost \$500,000,000 and would not reduce the price of other foods. The natural laws of supply and demand must be restored through natural means, experts explain, before bread will return to the old price of 5 cent a loaf.

P. F. Peterson, Omaha baker who has given the subject considerable study, said: "Wheat is now selling at a premium over the government guaranteed price, and flour is \$1 per barrel more than it was three months ago. A period of years will be necessary before economic conditions will adjust themselves to the old basis. Nobody knows when the 5-cent loaf of bread will return, but in all probability it will not be before two or three years. When there is a surplus of products, then the price naturally goes down."

Man Asks \$5,000 Because Car Door Closed on Elbow

John Karras filed suit against the Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway company asking \$5,000 damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained when a conductor on the Farnam street line closed the door and caught his elbow. It happened on March 12.

A CLEAR COMPLEXION

Ruddy Cheeks—Sparkling Eyes—Most Women Can Have

Says Dr. Edwards, a Well-Known Ohio Physician

Dr. F. M. Edwards for 17 years treated scores of women for liver and bowel ailments. During these years he gave to his patients a prescription made of a few well-known vegetable ingredients mixed with olive oil, naming them Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets. You will know them by their olive color.

These tablets are wonder-workers on the liver and bowels, which cause a normal action, carrying off the waste and poisonous matter in one's system. If you have a pale face, sallow look, dull eyes, pimples, coated tongue, headaches, a listless, no-good feeling, all out of sorts, inactive bowels, you take one of Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets nightly for a time and note the pleasing results. Thousands of women as well as men take Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets—the successful substitute for calomel—now and then just to keep in the pink of condition. 10c and 25c per box. All druggists.

PARKER'S HAIR BALSAM

A toilet preparation of merit. Helps to eradicate dandruff. For Restoring Color and Beauty to Gray and Faded Hair. 50c and \$1.00 at Druggists.

Drexel Quality Boys' Shoes

Your Boy needs the best Shoes you can buy for him. Don't be satisfied with the just-as-good kind, but insist on having

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Boys' sizes 1 to 5 1/2

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1419 Farnam St.

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Presenting the Very Latest in Men's Wear



Here's What's New for Spring

Waist-seam suits are leaders with young men; single and double-breasted variations; slanting pockets, crescent pockets, slash pockets; cuffs; piping on the collar and cuffs.

Varsity suits for 1919 are the thing for men and young men who like more style restraint; these models do not have the waist seam; two and three-button variations.

New Things for Business Men Made by Hart Schaffner & Marx

In these advertisements of ours we say a lot about young men's styles; that includes every man because no one feels old these days. But we want to emphasize right now that we have fine new styles for older men who don't care for young men touches in their clothes. Hart Schaffner & Marx styles; all wool; made to fit and give long service. The best custom tailors might give you the same quality; they couldn't give you any better style or fit.

\$35

You'd Pay 50% to 100% More, too; We Can Save That for You

Men's Store—Second Floor.

Spring Has Arrived in Our Shirt Dept.

You'll find it resplendent with the 1919 Spring Styles and fabrics. Quiet or pronounced patterns, beautiful colorings in the new Manhattan shirts. Madras, Silk and Linen, and Silk. And then there are beautiful Silk Crepe, Silk Broadcloth, Jersey Silk, and English Twill Silk; a remarkable assortment and the usual high standard of quality. Wide range to choose from. Prices

\$3 to 12.50

A Special Sale of Madras Shirts at 1.65

Regular Price, \$2.

About 150 dozen high-grade shirts in this lot. An opportunity to purchase generously and make a good saving.

Silk Neckwear

65c, 75c and \$1

New arrivals daily of the very best patterns made of the best quality silks in medium and large open scarfs, every tie at these prices are built to give satisfaction.

Main Floor—Men's Store.

Correct Spring Hats

2.50 3.50 \$5
\$6 to \$15

Our vast gathering of fashions embraces all the most approved style ideas from the leading makers of this country and abroad. Courteous and competent salesmen are here ready to serve you promptly and well.

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Berg & Co. - Mayo - Etc.

Are some of the makes Associated With Our Men's Hat Department.

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